

Route 202 Corridor Ground Water Contamination

Route 202 Branchburg Township Somerset County

BLOCK: Various **LOT:** Various

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

Sampling conducted by the Branchburg Township Health Department in 1991 identified 12 private potable wells at residential and commercial properties along a mile stretch of Route 202 that were contaminated with volatile organic compounds at levels exceeding New Jersey Drinking Water Standards. Point-of-Entry Treatment (POET) systems were installed on the wells with funds provided by NJDEP as an interim measure to supply potable water for the occupants. NJDEP's Remedial Response Element subsequently delineated a Ground Water Impact Area (GWIA) for the project that encompassed approximately 50 residential and commercial properties. Branchburg Township extended public water lines to the properties within the GWIA, as well as other properties in the general area, in 1997. NJDEP funded the portions of the water lines that were located within the GWIA. NJDEP's Remedial Response Element is conducting Remedial Investigations and Remedial Action Selections (RI/RAS) at an auto repair shop and a gasoline service station in Branchburg Township where the ground water contamination may have originated. A third Potentially Responsible Party is conducting an investigation of his gasoline service station under the supervision of NJDEP's Responsible Party Remediation Element. NJDEP is conducting additional investigative work to identify other possible sources of the ground water contamination in the area.